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SKACHKO V P -50 1432-048-A -50 1432-	The formic acid is prepd. by reacting aetic acid with methyl formate in the presence of catalyst comprising copolymer of tetrafluorotin the presence of catalyst comprising copolymer of tetrafluorotin the presence of catalyst comprising copolymer of tetrafluoroting capacity 0.7.1.2 mg-equiv./g, at 80-140 deg. C. Proposed perfluorinated sulphocationite (I) has M.Wt. 80000-125000. Tests show that the use of proposed catalyst increases yield of formic acid from 11 of reaction mixt. to 416.3-534.0 g/h and productivity (per 1 kg of catalyst) by 4.8 times, compared to the known method. Unreacted methyl formate and acetic acid are recycled to reactor.  USE/ADVANTAGE - Formic acid is widely used in the synthesis of pharmaceutical preparations, as preservative for fodders, in cellulose-paper industry and in etching of steels. Increased productivity owing to the use of new heterogenous catalyst. Bul.39/23.10.88 (5pp Dwg.No. 0/0)